Subject: Opposition of proposed bills S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416

To who it may concern,

I find myself unable to see any way that these proposed bills make anyone in in CT safer or will reduce gun violence.

These bills only go after legal firearm owners, and venders, who were exercising their constitutional right to bear arms. Additionally, you are attempting to strip these legal firearm owners of their ability to protect themselves against the real criminals who don't care about following the law.

If you truly care about reducing gun violence, please empower our Police Departments to go after violent offenders and actually prosecute them so they, and their illegal firearms, are off the streets. Only then will you be actually taking steps to protect the citizens of this state. Anything else can only be viewed as an attack on our constitutional rights under the guise of an anti-crime bill.

Please use common sense and protect the good citizens of this state, and their constitutional rights, who actually follow the already strict firearms laws. Thank you.

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